

Isaiah 12: 2-6

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord GOD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And
you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD,
call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Why do we light the PINK candle during Advent?

According to tradition, the Third Sunday in Advent is *Gaudete* Sunday—the day when a pink candle is lit on the Advent Wreath. *Gaudete* means “joy” in Latin, and this day is traditionally celebrated on the Third Sunday of Advent. It is called the “joy” candle because of Mary’s joyful announcement of Christ’s coming birth. So the pink flair in the Advent Wreath is the candle of “joy”—a break in the darkness of waiting.

“Rejoice” or “Gaudete” Sunday
The Third Sunday in Advent





Sunday, December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

December 16, 2018 • 7:45, 9:30, 11:00 AM Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

The presence of the Lord "in your midst" in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the Lord in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with his winnowing fork in his hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

PRELUDE (9:30, 11:00) O Come, O Come Emmanuel / What Child is This arr. Lorie Line
Bev Ranstrom, pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
+ one God,
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

Amen.

Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection. The assembly may stand or kneel.

To you, O God,
we lift up our souls.
You know us through and through;
we confess our sins to you.
Remember not our sins;
remember us with your steadfast love.
Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children of God, come with joy
and draw water from the well of salvation.
Remember the gift of baptism:
your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus;
you belong to Christ;
you are anointed to serve.
Stand up and raise your heads!
The reign of God is near.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

***Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus
He Came Down***

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ELW 253**

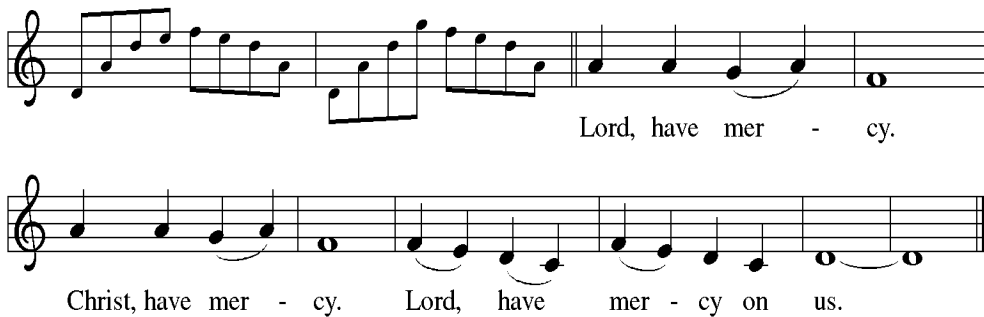
*Sing verse 1 of “Come, Thou...” and verses 1 + 2 of “He Came Down”;
Sing verse 2 of “Come, Thou...” and verses 3 + 4 of “He Came Down”*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the refining fire of the Holy Spirit,
and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding,
be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

(Sing twice)



Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Music: Swee Hong Lim

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

As we light the candles on this wreath,
strengthen our hearts

as we await the Lord's coming in glory.

Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may serve our neighbors in need.

Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.

The *third* Advent candle is lit as the Assembly sings *verse three* of *Light One Candle*:

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14–20

(Please turn to page 985 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).

The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4–7

(Please turn to page 212 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns, with the hope they will experience God's joy and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

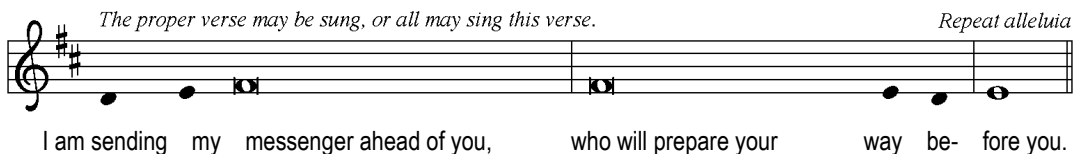
The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse. *Repeat alleluia*



I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

(Please turn to page 61 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

The holy gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist heralds the mighty one "who is coming." John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Resident Pastor Will Kittinger

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Tune: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,
your lamp within my breast
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

- 2 I lay in fetters, groaning;
you came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
you came to honor me.
A glorious crown you give me,
a treasure safe on high
that will not fail or leave me
as earthly riches fly.

- 3 Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all love excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

- 4 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,
who sit in deepest gloom,
who mourn your joys departed
and tremble at your doom.
All hail the Lord's appearing!
O glorious Sun, now come,
send forth your beams so cheering
and guide us safely home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. composite

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Congregational refrain: "Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting on G4 and ending on G#4. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with a final G#4 note marked with a fermata.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, starting on G4 and ending on G4. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with a final G4 note marked with a fermata.

(Names from our congregation...)

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Congregational refrain: "Wait for the Lord"

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set.*

OFFERTORY

(7:45, 11:00)

The Gentle Word of Grace

Calvin Hampton

(9:30)

The Promise

Ken Bible

Emmanuel Choir

Paul and Pat Guehler, duettists

The Promise is a vision, a future far away. The Promise is reality, the Promise is today. O come embrace the Promise! O come and live the joy! O come and love the Living Christ, Sweet Mary's little boy! The Promise comes in darkness, Surprising us at night. The Promise is surprising Love. The Promise is our Light. O come embrace the Promise! O come and live the joy! O come and love the Living Christ, Sweet Mary's little boy! The Promises are many. The Promises are one. The Promises are Jesus Christ. The Promises have come. O come embrace the Promise! O come and live the joy! O come and love the Living Christ, Sweet Mary's little boy! The Promise is great blessing. The Promise is great wealth. The Promise is Eternal Life. The Promise is Himself. O come embrace the Promise! O come and live the joy! O come and love the Living Christ, Sweet Mary's little boy!

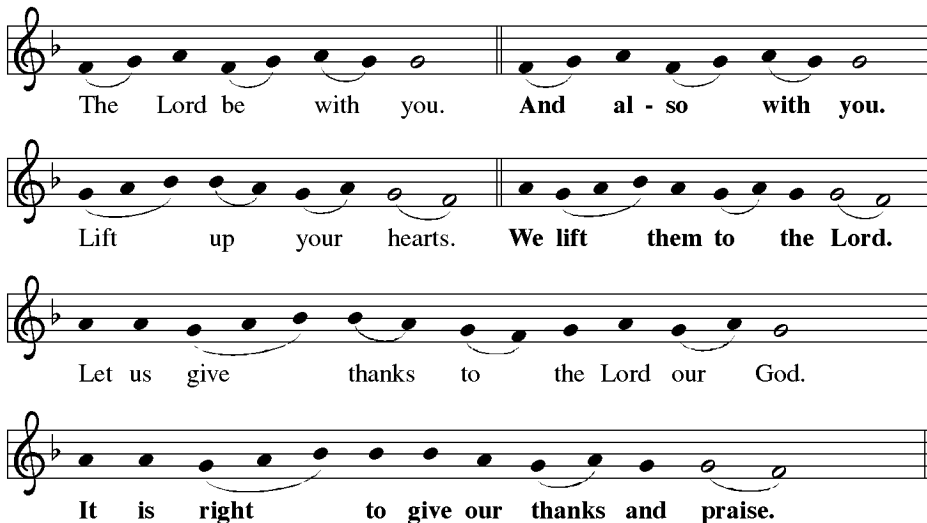
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The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of abundance,
we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation,
and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy
Great Thanksgiving

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

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high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God fills the hungry with good things.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

The ministers commune either after or before others commune.

*Invited to the Lord's Table are all baptized Christians who celebrate with us the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament. The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. **If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread.** Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when your row is directed to come forward.*

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



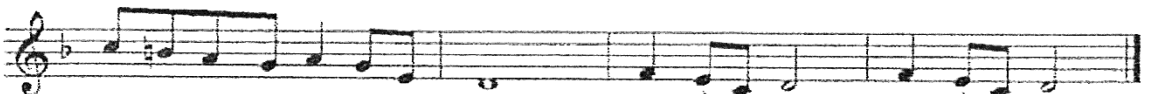
mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God. you



take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Setting by D&S Denisen

COMMUNION HYMNS:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-4; 6)
Come Now, O Prince of Peace
Blessed Be the God of Israel

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The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, we give you thanks
that in this bread and cup
we have feasted again on your endless love.
Let that love overflow more and more in our lives,
that we may be messengers to prepare your way,
harvesters of justice and righteousness,
and bearers of your eternal Word,
our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.



BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace,
make you abound in love for one another and for all,
and strengthen your hearts
until the coming of our Lord Jesus.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

People, Look East

ELW 248

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (7:45, 9:30) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
Bev Ranstrom, pianist

arr. Lani Smith

7:45 Service

Greeters: *Chuck & Joan Spangler*

Assisting Minister: *Clayton Blomseth*

Lector: *Joyce O'Neill*

Acolyte: *Ray Schrader*

Ushers: *Rosy Myers, Melissa Schrader, Jill Weber, Marilyn Thomack*

Altar Guild: *Jean Dumouchel*

Hospitality: *Sandy Cole and American Marble*

9:30 Service

Greeters: *Dan & Amy Lyberg*

Assisting Minister: *Theresa Shaw*

Lector: *Marianne Zarek*

Acolyte: *Sally Johnson*

Ushers: *Dave & Janet Pedersen; John & Marit Granskog*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

Hospitality: *Sandy Cole and American Marble*

11:00 Service

Greeters: *Bruce & Kay Philp*

Assisting Minister: *Rick Boe*

Lector: *Kathy Worley*

Acolyte: *Maridee Boe*

Ushers: *Tom & Norine Petruzelli; Dick & Vera Hynes*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

Hospitality: *Sandy Cole and American Marble*



*Today
in Worship*



*The flowers that beautify our altar today are given
in honor of Pat Doverspike's 90th birthday.*